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- 1) Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2) PTO Form-1449 with 15 cited references;
- 3) Search Report in German for parallel German Patent Application;
- 4) Search Report in German for parallel International Patent Application;
- 5) Copies of 9 of the 15 cited references.

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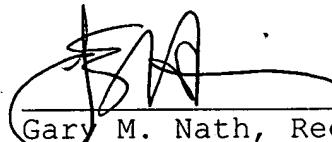
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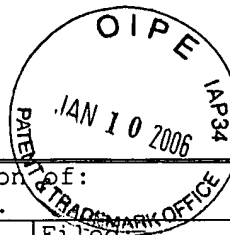
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